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Search Report of German Patent Office relating to German Patent Application  
No. 103 18 104.0, priority of which is claimed in this application.

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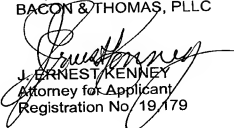
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## U.S. Patent Documents

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	4,612,807	09/23/1986	WUNDERER			
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## Foreign Patent Documents

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	DE 3 424 652	01/09/1986	GERMANY				X
	DE 101 37 389	02/13/2003	GERMANY				X
	EP 0 449 642	10/02/1991	EPO			X	

## Other Documents (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Place of Publication, Etc.)


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